

# May 4

## Romans 5:12

### “Action. Result.”

Wherefore, as by one man  
sin entered into the world,  
and death by sin; and so  
death passed upon all men,  
for that all have sinned:

Because of one man,  
sin “entered into the  
world”. Here, it says  
one man—not Adam  
*and* Eve, and not  
solely the deception  
of Eve either.

This single verse  
says, by just “**one**  
man”. That’s Adam.

It was “Adam’s  
transgression”  
(verse 14) which  
brought about sin.

And due to that, the  
sin which entered  
the world was  
passed on to all  
humankind. That is  
what is meant by,  
“all have sinned”.

Sin carries with it  
an involuntary  
generational penalty.

We may not know  
the magnitude of  
that punishment.

It is emotional grief.

It is physical pain.

It is isolation from

God, which is  
spiritual emptiness.

It is toil, bowing,

scraping, and biting.

It's clawing to get  
afloat, to get on top,  
or to stay on top  
socially, emotionally,  
or financially. It is  
nerves in the teeth  
that cause oral aches  
and pains. It is  
horrific agony from  
childbirth. It is  
worry and fear.

It is soul-crushing  
hurt from the loss  
of children, parents,  
friends, or other  
loved ones. Who  
knows the all the  
facets of sin? We do  
not know all about  
sin, but many of us  
do know there is  
*SOMETHING* about  
this earth which

prevents us from  
total bliss—  
regardless to our  
individual situations.

Whether perpetually  
downtrodden, sickly,  
or poverty-stricken,  
or, on the other  
extreme, grossly  
wealthy and  
so-called privileged,  
or anywhere

between the two, at  
some point, in this  
existence, we realize  
that not everything  
is 100% perfect.

Whether spiritual  
death, physical  
death, or both, we  
exist in a sin-  
causing, sin-  
resulting, sin-filled  
world. But that's not



the end; it's only a  
part of what is  
happening in this  
realm.

This verse provides a  
picture of cause and  
effect. We may wish  
to reconsider what  
we do as we keep in  
mind that actions  
have consequences.  
Actions always yield

some result—even  
if the result is  
not visible.